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1. WE SEE UK PAPER AS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL PAPER ON
NEGOTIATING TACTICS AND THEREFORE BELIEVE WORKING GROUP
IS NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF PAPER. WE
ALSO BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE FOR SPC TO DEBATE POSSIBLE
RESPONSES TO EASTERN CHALLENGES OF ALLIED DATA BEFORE
KNOWING NEGOTIATING CONTEXT OF SUCH CHALLENGES. FURTHER-
MORE, WE DOUBT IT IS ADVISABLE FOR SPC TO INVOLVE ITSELF
IN SUCH DETAILED GUIDANCE ON TACTICS AS CONTAINED IN
PARAS 9 THROUGH 15 OF UK PAPER.

2. WE WERE PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF MAY 27 SPC
DISCUSSION OF WG MANDATE, AND THAT CONSENSUS APPEARS TO
ACCEPT US VERSION OF MANDATE. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE
BEEN IMPRESSED WITH UK AND DELEGATION'S ARGUMENTS THAT
WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET EASTERN CHALLENGES OF
ALLIED TANK FIGURES AS WELL AS MANPOWER DATA. FOR THIS
REASON, AND GIVEN ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF US VERSION OF

WG MANDATE, WE THEREFORE AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION
THAT WG SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF
RELEASING ALLIED TANK DATA. YOU MAY THEREFORE PROPOSE
INCLUSION OF "AND TANKS" AFTER THE WORD "MANPOWER" IN
US VERSION OF MANDATE SO AS TO INCLUDE WG CONSIDERATION
OF ALLIED TANK DATA. KISSINGER

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